buildings of defaulters. While action had been taken by most defaulters to rectify the lacunae, the owner of one building, which was sealed, has obtained orders of the Court for desealing. In order to prevent legal loop-holes from vitiating provisions of the Act, action is being taken for amendment of the Act.

Proposals for Mining Lease in Gujarat

*24. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pending with the Central Government for grant of mining leases in Gujarat;

(b) when were these proposals received by the Central Government; and

(c) what are the reasons for the pendency of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) Prior approval of the Central Government is required for grant and renewal of prospecting licences and mining leases of minerals listed in Schedule-I of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957. The position of such proposals received from the State Government of Gujarat during last 3 years is given below:

	1991	1992	1993 (upto 12.93)
No. of proposals received.	74	55	51
No. of proposals disposed off.	23	45	30
Pending proposals.	1	10	21

Consultation with other concerned Ministeries and organisations, clarifications from the State Government due to incomplete and inadequate information sent with the proposals and unavoidable administrative delays are some of the reasons for the above pendency.

Abolition of Transfer Committee for Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas

*25. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Transfer Committee set-up in May, 1992 to monitor transfer of teachers, Principals etc. of Kendriya Vidyalayas has since been abolished; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Transfers involve administrative decisions which can be appropriately taken by competent authorities in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in accordance with the Transfer Guidelines approved by the Board of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. A Committee for this purpose was not found useful.

Villages affected by Earthquake in Maharashtra

*26. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages of Latur and Osmanabad districts and other areas which were affected by earthquake recently, indicating details of loss of human life, animal life and loss of property in the earthquake;

(b) whether only mud-built houses collapsed on a large scale;

(c) whether Government ever declared those houses unfit for safe habitation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Government of Maharashtra has reported the following damage due to the recent earthquake in the State:

1. Number of villages affected	2586
2. Loss of human life	7601
3. Loss of livestock	2100
4. Estimated loss of property (Rs. in crores)	300.00

(b) All types of houses have collapsed during the earthquake.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Latur and Osmanabad area, as per ISI Code 1986, fall in Zone-I where intensity of 5 and below on the Modified Mercalli Scale is expected in a probable earthquake. Therefore, seismicity being low, houses in this area were not declared unsafe.

कुछ नगरों को राष्ट्रीय नगर घोषित किया जाना

*27. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन** : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कुछ नगरों को उनकी जनसंख्या में तीव्र वृद्धि तथा वहां गन्दी बस्तियों की संख्या में वृद्धि को देखते हुए "राष्ट्रीय नगर" घोषित करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ग) क्या योजना आयोग इन नगरों में रहने वाले लोगों के जीवन-स्तर में सुधार करने के लिए राज्यों को विशेष निधियां आबंटित करने का विचार रखता है; और

(घ) सरकार किन-किन नगरों को "राष्ट्रीय नगर" घोषित करने पर विचार कर रही है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती शीला कौल) : (क) से (घ) भारत सरकार किसी नगर को राष्ट्रीय नगर के रूप में घोषित नहीं करती। राज्य सरकारों से प्राप्त अनुरोधों, वर्तमान जनसंख्या, शहरी विकास दर और बड़े नगरों द्वारा राष्ट्रीय विकास में किए जाने वाले योगदान को ध्यान में रख कर बड़े नगरों के बुनियादी विकास के लिए योजना द्वारा एक केन्द्र प्रवर्तित योजना तैयार की गई है। बम्बई, कलकत्ता, मद्रास, हैदराबाद और बंगलौर नगरों में बुनियादी विकास के लिए क्रमशः महाराष्ट्र, पश्चिम बंगाल, तमिलनाडु, आन्ध्र प्रदेश और कर्नाटक राज्य सरकारों से प्राप्त प्रस्ताव योजना आयोग को भेजे गए थे।

बड़े नगरों के बुनियादी विकास के लिए केन्द्र प्रवर्तित योजना सकल योजना आयोग द्वारा सिद्धान्त अनुमोदित की गई है। इस आधार पर सम्बन्धित राज्य सरकारों से अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ प्राथमिकीकरण, योजना की चरणबद्धता, आठवीं योजना में शामिल किए जाने वाले वित्तीय परिव्यय और 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 के दौरान अपेक्षित धन दर्शाते हुए विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट भेजने के लिए कहा गया है। राज्य सरकारों से वित्तीय विश्लेषण और नकद आमद, वित्तीय अपेक्षाओं और प्रत्याशित लाभ (वसूली) के विस्तृत ब्यौरे भेजने का भी अनुरोध किया गया है ताकि योजना की व्यवहारिकता प्रमाणित की जा सके।

Expenditure on Education in Terms of G.D.P.

*28. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN :

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it a fact that India ranks 115th in the world in the sphere of educational expenditure in terms of percentage of G.D.P. ;

(b) what is the target date fixed to achieve for spending six percent of GDP on education as recommended by Kothari Commission almost three decades ago and subsequently supported by other Commissions and experts;

(c) what is the educational budgets of the Central and State Governments in terms of quantum and percentage of GDP during the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Central and State Governments spend Rs. 4,000 crores, approximately 25 percent of their educational budgets, on higher education